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Director of Central Intelligence

29 May 1967

Chief, ICAPS

Intelligence Activities of the JRDB

1. Reference paragraph 1, attached memorandum from ORE,

a. The opinion of the Intelligence Panel of the Committee on Biological Warfare of JRDB that the Scientific Branch, ORE, has no qualified personnel to consider biological warfare activities is correct at this time.

b. However, any action on the part of the JRDB committee in question to secure intelligence or intelligence information direct from sources other than CIG is a definite violation of the JRDB-CIG agreement, and would establish a dangerous precedent for future activity.

2. We have had a number of indications that JRDB, through an elaborate and complicated system of intelligence committees and sub-committees, would like to get into the intelligence field. It is quite possible that unless we take a firm stand on every such indication which comes to our attention, they will do so regardless of the terms of our agreement.

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3. Recommend that this matter be taken up directly with with a view to --

a. Obtaining positive and immediate assistance in procurement of qualified individuals for the Scientific Branch, ORE.

b. Insuring that the intelligence activities of JRDB are confined to the determination of requirements to be turned over to CIG for collection, evaluation, and delivery to JRDB as finished intelligence.

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